My dear Maria Rome 30th Sept 1871

Pardon me that I write in great haste – I got your letter in which you say "that you are uneasy about me" but as you dont explain & as I had just as leng[th] to Tom, so I will not puzzle as to what you mean assuring you that I do not know of any cause

You say Tom has taken you some drives & that your summer was not

I returned from Tolfa on the 23d having taken 10 baths & walked during 2 months near 200 miles, but the heat is great here still & I feel it –

I send you the usual £10. 0. 0

I hope Uncle Dear Mouse will be
able to get it for you
Your account of poor Tom was
on the whole favorable
Hoping that this may find you
in tobbish & in great haste
Your loving Joe

"good fortune" I say why when I look around me I think myself the most favored of all – It now appears that my new Consulate is really a personal compliment to me as Ld Granville also made my chief feel the Consul to that indeed I may say that fall back on a shilling

Having lost all my dear children I sometimes feel a little lonely, for I am quite alone – dine alone, pass evening alone but the morning till 3 have frequent visits – It may be that I am difficult to please as regard friends & am glad to have so few – Lately I had Miss Emma Norello on a visit of two months but I was very glad to be free of her she is such a Papist

'Tis most singular how that word I have only to think of myself!! what a change! but I'm lucky that I dont require much taking care of – would that poor dear Tom were like me in this respect – The strangers begin to tumble in down I begin to keep those

Your loving brother Joe